

Organizers for Green and Healthy Housing

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**Boston Urban Asthma Coalition** 

### Who We Are

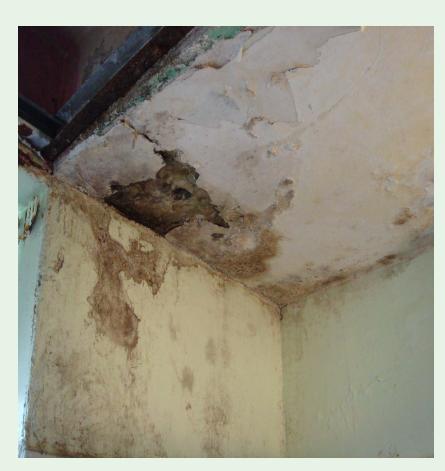
- Boston Tenant Coalition
- City Life/Vida Urbana
- Chinese Progressive Association
- Committee for Boston Public Housing
- Breath of Life Dorchester (BOLD)
- Greater Bowdoin Geneva Association
- Greater Four Corners Action Coalition
- Project R.I.G.H.T.
- Roxbury Neighborhood Council
- Lead Action Collaborative
- Boston Urban Asthma Coalition

### **OGH2 Goals**

- Educate & raise aware of community residents
- Advocate for increased city commitment
- Collaborate on green & healthy affordable housing
- Advocate with developers to increase green & healthy housing
- Advocate for more resources



### **Environmental Justice**







## What is healthy and green affordable housing?

- Lead, asthma trigger and injury-free
- Reduces CO2 emissions
- Lower energy and water costs
- Comfortable
- Easy to maintain
- Maintains affordability
- Smoke-free

# 10 Steps for Green and Healthy Homes

### **FOR HEALTHY AIR** advocate for:

- Proper ventilation that meets industry standards
- 2. Carpet-free, smoke-free and pest-free homes
- Good, quality construction and renovation – BUAC Guidance – to prevent mold

# 10 Steps for Green and Healthy Homes FOR SAFE AND LEAD FREE HOMES advocate for:

- 4. Lead testing and de-leading of homes built before 1978
- 5. Injury and fire prevention with safe windows, stairways, bathrooms and good lighting, working carbon monoxide and fire alarms, good maintenance of combustion equipment, and working fire exits



### FOR A STRONG COMMUNITY PROCESS

Advocate for:

6. Inclusive community planning process that includes community goals and vision

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### FOR WATER AND ENERGY CONSERVATION Advocate for:

- 7. Water conservation through efficient and effective plumbing fixtures and rain water reuse
- 8. Homes with energy efficient heating and cooling, lighting, Energy Star appliances and alternative energy sources in a tight building shell that has good insulation and ventilation



## FOR TOXIC-FREE HOMES AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES Advocate for:

- 9. Non-toxic and recycled, regional materials
- 10. Careful site location that promotes healthy behaviors, open space, public transportation, walking, biking and community involvement

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